

Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Environmental Specialist

I. Introduction

1. The Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (CUMTA) was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) through a Statutory Act provision during November 2010, and the Rules for CUMTA were notified during January 2019. The Act has been further amended in September 2020 proposing the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu as Chairman of the of the CUMTA.
2. The creation of CUMTA was a step towards integrated and sustainable urban mobility initiative for Chennai. CUMTA is better placed to manage the existing institutional gaps and overlaps amongst various agencies in tackling urban transport issues at an optimum utilization of resources. The jurisdiction of CUMTA extends over the whole of Chennai Metropolitan Planning Area.
3. Currently, CUMTA is functioning under Housing and Urban Development Department and a 'Special Officer' has been appointed to execute the duties of Member-Secretary, CUMTA (as well as the Chief Executive Officer). One of the key responsibilities of the Member Secretary is to carry out day-to-day functions undertaken by CUMTA and also to conduct meetings/ facilitating discussion for the authority to take multiple decisions under CUMTA. Hence, GoTN with the help of World Bank under Chennai City Partnership program is working towards strengthening the existing CUMTA to make it fully operational.
4. The organizational structure and staffing requirements for maturity-wise strengthening of CUMTA is worked out in detail in the adopted operations manual document of CUMTA. A preliminary staff strength consisting of 3 officers on deputation, 2 planners on contract, 4 non-technical staffs on working arrangement are deployed. To fully functionalize CUMTA's operation in the urban mobility sector, furthermore experts/professionals are required.

II. Name of the Post: Environmental Specialist

III. Role:

- a. To review environmental aspects of urban transportation matters in the domain of CUMTA.
- b. To provide operational support on matters related to planning for the overall development of the urban transport sector.
- c. To provide technical inputs for the environmental aspects of transport plans in and around CUMTA's domain
- d. To ensure effective execution, operational efficiency and functional excellence in fulfilment of tasks.

IV. Key Responsibilities:

- a. To provide inputs from environmental planning perspectives on the Comprehensive Mobility Plan for the urban area.
- b. To review documents, act, and policies pertaining to environmental aspects of urban transport sector.
- c. To assess proposed urban transport projects and initiatives from the perspective of environmental sustainability and ensure their adherence to the sustainable goals defined in the Comprehensive Mobility Plan as well as various mandatory state and central rules.
- d. To carry out periodic assessment of adverse impact of urban transport activities on the environment of the urban area through regular monitoring of key performance indicators.
- e. To provide operational assistance in developing principles and policies for sustainable urban transport system for the urban area
- f. To carry out such other functions and duties that are delegated to the position.

V. Qualifications and Experience

- a. Post graduate degree in the **Environmental Planning** / relevant field.
- b. At least 8 to 10 years of work experience with at least 4 to 5 years of experience in Environmental Planning Function of any public / semi-public / PSU / private sector entity.
- c. Membership of a relevant professional body.

- d. Experience in Environmental planning, preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports, and environmental audits of urban areas.
- e. Sound knowledge of environmental laws, practices, and mitigation measures.

VI. Duty Headquarters

The duty headquarters of the Environmental Specialist will be in Chennai Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority, Chennai. She / he will be required to travel frequently within and outside the city and occasionally outside the state for project purposes.

VII. Duration

Appointment to the post will be on contract basis initially for a period of two year and likely to be extended based on the performance.

VIII. Reporting Arrangements

The Environmental Specialist will report to the Special officer / Member Secretary, CUMTA.